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SUBJECT: GOLDWATER SENATE SPEECH ON US CHINA POLICY

1. ALL MARCH 18 MORNING PRESS CARRIED A CNA ITEM DATE-LINED MARCH 16, WASHINGTON REPORTING A MARCH 15 SENATE SPEECH BY SENATOR BARRY GOLDWATER. ACCORDING TO CNA, GOLDWATER SAID INTER ALIA THAT "CHINA BELONGS TO THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT ON TAIWAN, WHICH HAS MADE SUCH REMARK-ABLE ADVANCES IN DEMOCRACY, FREEDOM, AND ECONOMIC MATTERS....IF AMERICAN POLICY SHOULD BE DIRECTED AT MAKING CONCESSIONS TO THE COMMUNIST RULERS ON THE CHINA MAINLAND, I BELIEVE WE ARE PURSUING A STUPID AND HARMFUL POLICY THAT CAN ONLY WEAKEN US CREDIBILITY WITH OUR ALLIES AND ADVERSARIES ALIKE."

2. ACCORDING TO CNA, GOLDWATER DISCLOSED THAT HE WAS TOLD BY NIXON AFTER HIS 1972 TRIP TO PEKING, AND LATER RECEIVED REAFFIRMATION FROM KISSINGER, THAT THE US WOULD NEVER GRANT DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION TO PEKING NOR END OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH THE ROC. "IT IS NOW TIME FOR A FIRM PUBLIC REAVOWAL OF THESE STATEMENTS," GOLDWATER REPORTEDLY STRESSED IN HIS SPEECH. "I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR A LOUD AND CLEAR PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF OUR
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CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO PRESERVE OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH

THE ROC AND NOT TO COURT OUR COMMUNIST ADVERSARY WHO OCCUPIES THE MAINLAND. I BELIEVE WE SHOULD UPHOLD THE CLAIM OF THE FREE CHINESE GOVERNMENT ON TAIWAN AS THE SOLE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ENTIRE CHINESE PEOPLE, INCLUDING THE CHINESE ON TAIWAN, IN CONTINENTAL CHINA AND AMONG THE OVERSEAS CHINESE POPULATION."

3. SINCE THE CNA REPORT OF GOLDWATER'S SPEECH WAS GIVEN SUCH PROMINENT BILLING IN THE LOCAL PRESS AND WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE WIDELY READ HERE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING FULL TEXT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. UNGER

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